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Via Electronic Case Filing

The Honorable Kent A. Jordan
United States District Judge
U.S. Courthouse
844 King Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Dear Judge Jordan:

The defendant, Lash Brumfield, has agreed to enter a guilty plea pursuant to the enclosed memorandum of plea. In exchange, the government has agreed to dismiss the charges against co-defendant Leslie Rivera Brumfield. The parties request that the Court convert the motion hearing date, currently set for June 8, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., to a Rule 11 hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

COLM F. CONNOLLY
United States Attorney

BY:

Adam Safwat
Assistant United States Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Eleni Kousoulis, Esq.
Jan A.T. van Amerongen, Esq.
The Clerk of the Court

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
: Plaintiff,
v. : Criminal Action No. 05-114-01-KAJ
: LASH BRUMFIELD, :
: Defendant.

MEMORANDUM OF PLEA AGREEMENT

Pursuant to discussions between the United States of America, by and through its attorneys, Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and Adam Safwat, Assistant United States Attorney, and Eleni Kousoulis, Esquire, attorney for the Defendant, LASH BRUMFIELD, the following agreement is hereby entered into by the respective parties:

1. The Defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count Three of an Indictment, which charges the Defendant with possession of a firearm by an individual previously convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2). The essential elements of the offense, each of which the Government would have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt at trial, are: (i) the Defendant knowingly possessed a firearm; (ii) before he possessed the firearm, the Defendant had been convicted in a court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term in excess of one year; and (iii) the possession of the firearm was in or affecting commerce. The maximum penalties for Count I are found in 18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(2), and are ten years imprisonment, a

\$250,000.00 fine, three years of supervised release following any term of imprisonment, and a \$100.00 special assessment.

2. The Defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently admits that on or about April 12, 2005, in the State of New Jersey, he knowingly possessed a firearm, to wit, a KBI/FEG .45 caliber pistol, model GKK45, serial no. AA005382, and a Llama .380 pistol, model Micromax, serial no. 71-04-11226-04. The Defendant does not contest that these firearms traveled from Delaware to New Jersey in connection with his possession of them. The Defendant further knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently admits that he was convicted in the Superior Court for the State of New Jersey, on or about December 5, 2003, of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, in the third degree, a crime which is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

3. The Defendant knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently waives any objection to venue in the District of Delaware with respect to Count Three of the Indictment.

4. The United States will recommend a three-level reduction in the offense level for the charge above for the defendant's affirmative acceptance of responsibility under Sentencing Guideline § 3E1.1. The United States makes this recommendation because the Defendant has timely notified authorities of his intention to enter a plea of guilty, thereby permitting the United States to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the Court to allocate its resources efficiently.

5. At the time or about the time of the Defendant's entry of a plea pursuant to this Memorandum, the United States agrees to dismiss Counts One, Two and Four of the Indictment against co-defendant Leslie Rivera Brumfield.

6. At or about the time of sentencing, the United States agrees to dismiss Counts One and Two of the Indictment against the Defendant.

7. The Defendant understands that at sentencing, the District Court must consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines and take them into account in exercising its discretion to determine the appropriate sentence and must also consider the other factors bearing on an appropriate sentence pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(a). The Defendant further understands that the Government will likely recommend that the Court impose a sentence consistent with the sentencing range set forth by the sentencing guidelines. The Defendant recognizes that the final determination of the Defendant's sentence will be made by the Court. The Defendant further understands that the Court is not bound by any stipulations or recommendations of the parties. The Defendant agrees that he will not be allowed to withdraw his guilty plea because the Court calculates the guidelines differently than he expects, or imposes a sentence greater than what he expects, or imposes a sentence contrary to any stipulation of the parties or recommendation of his attorney.

8. The Defendant agrees to pay the special assessment of \$100.00 at the time of sentencing.

9. If the Court sentences the Defendant to a term of incarceration and orders the payment of any special assessment or fine as part of the defendant's sentence but the Defendant is unable to pay the full amount of the special assessment or fine at the time of sentencing, the Defendant agrees voluntarily to enter the United States Bureau of Prisons' administered program known as the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, through which the Bureau of Prisons will

collect a portion of the defendant's prison salary and apply it on the defendant's behalf to the payment of the outstanding debt ordered.

10. The parties reserve the right to defend the probation officer's findings at the sentencing hearing and to defend the sentencing court's rulings at any subsequent proceedings, including any appeal. The parties realize that the Court is not bound by any stipulations reached by the parties. However, if the Court decides not to follow any stipulation or recommendation in this Memorandum of Plea Agreement, or if the Defendant does not receive the benefits he expects from any such stipulation or recommendation, the Defendant may not withdraw his guilty plea.

11. The Defendant abandons any right, title and interest that he may have in the firearms identified in paragraph two of this agreement.

12. It is further agreed by the undersigned parties that this Memorandum supersedes all prior promises, representations, and statements of the undersigned parties; that this Memorandum may be modified only in a written agreement executed by all the undersigned parties; and that any and all promises, representations, and statements made prior to or after this

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Memorandum are null and void and have no effect whatsoever unless committed to writing in the manner so provided in this paragraph.

COLM F. CONNOLLY
United States Attorney

BY:

Eleni Kousoulis, Esquire
Attorney for Defendant

Adam Safwat
Assistant United States Attorney

Lash Brumfield
Defendant

Dated: _____, 2006

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AND NOW this _____ day of _____, 2006, the foregoing Memorandum of
Plea Agreement is hereby (accepted) (rejected) by the Court.

THE HONORABLE KENT A. JORDAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE